

HB 127 – “An Act relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority.”

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Representative Bart LeBon
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau AK, 99801
Phone: 907-465-3709



Re: Letter of support for HB-127 - Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority

Dear Representative LeBon,

Maniilaq Association, respectfully submits this letter of support for HB-127, "An Act relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority".

Maniilaq Association is a tribally owned and operated 501(c)(3) non-profit and the sole provider of health, social, and Tribal government services for the Maniilaq Service Area (MSA) in NW Alaska. The MSA is comprised of 12 remote rural Native Villages; the population is over 82% Iñupiaq. Maniilaq's Vision statement is: *"Healthy people, thriving communities"*.

Maniilaq and other regional Tribal Health Organizations, will benefit from HB 127 as this bill expands opportunities for use of the Bond Bank in two ways:

- Removes the 49% Bond Bank single-project participation cap
- Raises the cap for all RHO projects from \$205 million to \$500 million

As Maniilaq looks to expand services through opportunities such as substance use abuse disorder and behavioral health treatment services, the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority will be a key partner. If you have any questions please let us know.

Sincerely,

Tim Gilbert, President/CEO
Maniilaq Association

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